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 1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IN REF B, POST MADE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A U.S. RESPONSE TO THE UN COMMISSION OF EXPERTS REQUEST FOR FORENSIC EXPERTS AND EXPERIENCED INVESTIGATORS TO ASSIST WITH THE COMMISSION'S PROBLEM OF GENOCIDE IN RWANDA. REF A OUTLINES PROPOSED TRAVEL OF A USG TEAM TO RWANDA TO INTERVIEW THOSE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE CAMPAIGN OF GENOCIDE. POST REQUESTS CLARIFICATION ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

3. IS THIS TEAM ENVISIONED AS A USG RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST?

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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BY THE UNSC AND THE COMMISSION? WILL THE USG TEAM BE JOINE BY INVESTIGATORS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES UNDER UN AUSPICES, A PROPOSED REF B? HAS THE UN OR THE COMMISSION OF EXPERTS BEE INFORMED THAT THE USG TEAM WILL BE COMING TO RWANDA AT THI TIME? IF SO, WHAT IS THE UN'S UNDERSTANDING AS TO HOW THE US EFFORT FITS IN WITH THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION OF EXPERTS WHAT IS TO BE THE TEAM'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE KIGALI-BASE TEAM FROM THE CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS?

4. POST FEELS STRONGLY THAT THE EFFORTS TO INVESTIGATE TH ATROCITIES COMMITTED IN RWANDA AND TO ESTABLISH A INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL SHOULD MOVE AHEAD QUICKLY. A SUGGESTED REF B, WE BELIEVE THAT THE INTERVIEWS AN INVE8TIGATIONS RELATED TO THIS PROCESS SHOULD BEGIN AS SOON A POSSIBLE, AND THAT INFORMATION FROM THESE INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE SHARED WITH THE TRIBUNAL ONCE ESTABLISHED. HOWEVER THESB INVESTIGATIONS SHOULD OCCUR IN THE CONTEXT OF A INTERNATIONAL EFFORT AND BE CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH THE GO AND WITH ALL RELEVANT UN AGENCIES.

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5. AMBASSADOR MET WITH MINISTER OF JUSTICE SEPTEMBER 13 TO DISCUSS PROPOSED TRIP. MINISTER SAID THAT THE KINDS OF INFORMATION IN PARA 6 REFTEL HAD BEEN GATHERED AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMMISSION OF EXPERTS. THIS INFORMATION WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE AVAILABLE FOR THE USG TEAM. HE HAD UNDERSTOOD FROM HIS MEETING WITH SHATTUCK THAT THE USG TEAM WOULD BE SUPPORTING HIS OWN NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS. IF THAT WERE THE CASE, THEY WOULD BE WORKING FOR THE PROSECUTOR' OFFICE. IF, HOWEVER, THEY WERE WORKING FOR THE INTERNATIONAL EFFORT, THEY WOULD HAVE TO HAVE AGREEMENT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS AS TO THEIR TERMS OF REFERENCE.

6. THE MINISTER SAID THAT HE WOULD WELCOME THE TEAM'S EFFOR IN EITHER REGARD BUT THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THE FRAMEWOR WITHIN WHICH THEY ARE TO WORK BE ESTABLISHED BEFORE THE ARRIVE AT POST. RAWSON

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